

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 6/30/2020

DOCKET #:

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Tanya Dix
Address: 5400 Rhodes Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70131
Office/Position: Elan Academy Charter School / New Orleans / Orleans
Dates of Service: 2017-2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 4

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD18010148
Original Due Date: 5/15/2018
Initial PFD Filed on: 7/23/2018
NOD-amend Received: 2/4/2019 - Signed by: V. Dix
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 2/13/2019
Amendment/Answer Filed: 7/25/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 162
Total days late from initial due date: 436
Late Fee Order Received: 5/14/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 6/3/2020
Waiver Request Received: 5/15/2020

COMMENTS:

Tanya Dix is requesting a Waiver for the late filing of her 2017 PFD Statement. Ms. Dix stated being an educator for over 15 years, she thought it would be a great idea to do some community service work. She applied to become a board member at a new charter school and was selected to be a board member. Her role was voluntary, she was not elected, nor did she receive a salary or payment of any type for serving as a board member. Being the only Louisiana State Certified Educator on the Board, she was nominated to be the Academic Committee Chair, which required additional responsibilities. This was her first time serving as a member, and she was not informed or aware of the filing requirements by the BOE, but once she was notified of the delinquency, she filed her disclosures immediately.

As an educator, she doesn't make a large salary and honestly cannot afford to pay a \$1500 late fee "for something that was sincerely unintentional". Her husband has been out of work since March 22, 2020, due to the COVID-19 state mandates; And during the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, having to pay the late fee would certainly cause a financial hardship on her and my family. She would appreciate if the Ethics Board would waive her late fee assessment.

• Need to request
financial info.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter to Request a Waiver.

A new charter school was opening in my community, and I thought it would be a great idea to do some community service work. Being an educator for over 15 years, I decided to apply to become a Charter Board Member. They were in their planning stages, at the time of my inquiry, so everyone serving on the board was also new. I interviewed with the Board and was selected to join. I was not elected nor was I receiving a salary of any type to be a member of the board. After I working an entire day at Jefferson Parish Schools, I went twice a month (sometimes more), for almost 3 years, to volunteer my time to serve as a board member for Elan Charter School. Being the only Louisiana State Certified Educator on the Board, I was nominated to be the Academic Committee Chair, which required additional responsibilities.

This was my very first time serving as a member of any board, and I was not informed or aware of the documents that needed to be filed (Personal Financial Disclosure Statement) with the Board of Ethics. Once I was made aware that these documents needed to be filed, I immediately contacted someone at the Board of Ethics and filed them right away. Since then, I haven't filed late and my 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Final Report) has already been submitted.

As an educator, I don't make a large salary and I honestly can't afford to pay a \$1200 late fee for something that was sincerely unintentional. My husband has been out of work since March 22, 2020, due to the COVID-19 State mandates. During this COVID-19 Global Pandemic, having to pay a \$1200 late fee would certainly cause a financial hardship on me and my family. It was never my intent to file or submit late documents. I am requesting that you please waive the \$1200 late fee.

Sincerely,

Tanya Dix

Tanya Dix (5/14/2020)

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